

REMARKS

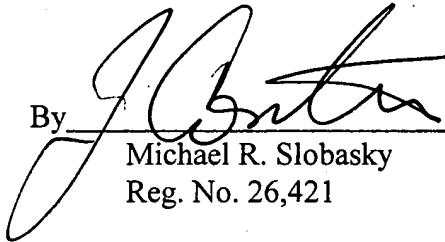
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOBSON HOLMAN PLLC

By

 11/16/28

Michael R. Slobasky  
Reg. No. 26,421

400 Seventh Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004-2201  
(202) 638-6666

Atty. Docket: P68820US1  
Date: September 30, 2005  
MRS/JGC/cmf